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**AMSA
INTERNATIONAL
NEWSLETTER**

Special Points of Interest:

- Update on our fellow-AMSA Japan members after the devastating Earthquake

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME BY THE OVERALL CHAIRPERSON OF AMSA INTERNATIONAL 2011

Dear Members of AMSA, Guests and Alumni,
 It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to the Second Edition of the AMSA-International Newsletter for 2010-2011.
 AMSA-International is a peak organization for medical students from across Asia, the Asia-Pacific and beyond. Training doctors from over 12 Member and 4 Observer Nations combined to share knowledge, undertake activities and social services and create international and trans-continental friendships. The **AMSA Vision** is *Knowledge, Action and Friendship*. Three areas we continuously strive to further in our members and peers through our organizational **mission**.
 AMSA International has been working hard and taken strides to deliver to its members the best possible experiences via its EAMSC in Thailand, Summer Schools and Conference Opportunities. AMSA

International is also taking strides in coming out with its own Medical Students' Journal which will enable medical students to get their research papers published and encourage medical journalism.
 Apart from opportunities AMSA International via its members is supporting AMSA Japan in helping the recovery and rehabilitation after the devastation caused by the earthquake and the subsequent Tsunami in Japan. I would also like to take the opportunity to request everyone around the world reading this newsletter to help AMSA International and AMSA Japan's cause for Japan and its lovely people. You can visit our website www.amsa-international.org for further details.
 I would like to invite all our members to indulge in the exciting opportunities AMSA has to offer and also use AMSA to support causes which could change a million lives!!



Hope that this newsletter proves to be informative and an enjoyable reading. Looking forward to meeting you all at the Joint Conference in Hong Kong!!

Best Regards,
 Aditya Kumar
 Overall Chairperson
 AMSA-International (2010-2011)

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Address by Vice Overall Chairperson Internal

Hello all!

 Time sure passes by without much notice. It's been a few months since we last saw each other in Bangkok for EAMSC. Now, we are on our next edition of the newsletter featuring the events and people that we've encountered. This newsletter is the fruit of labor of multiple contributors guided by the editors. I'm sure you'll enjoy reading it.
 This newsletter has a fresh

new concept. A bit lighter than what were used to. But this is a perfect opportunity to get to know some of our interesting members from the different chapters who attended the past EAMSC. I hope this inspires you somewhat :)

 Michael Pineada
 Vice Overall Chairperson
 Internal
 AMSA International

Address by Vice Overall Chairperson

Dear AMSA Members and Friends,

 It is hard to believe it has been nearly 4 months since the very successful and highly enjoyable EAMSC. Time may pass but the memories remain fresh and vivid.

 Now we enter an exciting time as we prepare for our first Joint Conference to be held in Hong Kong.

 I know AMSA-Hong Kong has been working tirelessly towards the conference and I undoubtedly join many in

being very excited.

 On a more somber note, I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to our friends in Japan who have been affected by the Earthquake and tsunami. It was a truly horrific event devastating many communities and towns, and I wish the speedy recovery and regeneration of Japan. I hope to help in anyway possible and I implore all AMSA members to seek ways in which to contribute.

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Vice Overall Chairperson Internal Address Cont...

Finally I thank you all for being so involved and great company over the last year. I look forward to meeting you all in Hong Kong.

Chang Park

Vice Overall Chairperson External

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WELCOME BY THE CHIEF NEWSLETTER EDITOR AMSA INTERNATIONAL

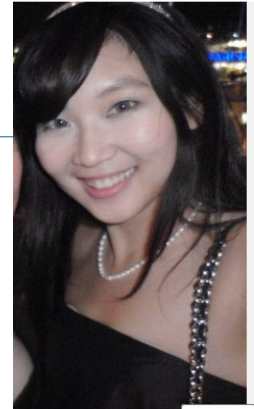
It had been my great privilege and honour to be part of such a great organisation and to work with such wonderful people. AMSA international has given me so much in terms of great memories and experiences and I can say being part of this group of passionate driven people has been one of the greatest highlights of my medical student experience.

This will be the last AMSA internal newsletter for my term as Chief Newsletter editor 2010-2011 and I hope our publications have stimulated more interest in AMSA international and helped promote AMSA internationals underlying aim of fostering friendship and knowledge internationally between the doctors of tomorrow.

I thank everyone for the opportunity of being on the AMSA international executive committee and hope the bonds formed will last a lifetime.

So it is with great pride that I encourage everyone reading to get involved in the world around us, in AMSA international. I hope everyone enjoys reading this as much as we have enjoyed putting it together for you.

Sincerely,
Christina Yang
Chief editor of AMSA international newsletter (2010-2011)



Introducing Mohamed—Mr EAMSC Egypt 2011



- 1. Please introduce yourself briefly.** I am Mohamed Abdel Ghafar RC AMSA Egypt. I am house officer now, I am Egyptian proud of his history. I like to be friendly with people as much as I can as I believe it is the best way to understand anyone and I believe that thinking about the past is just wasting time so I always stand up after any failure and continue my plan for the future in a really short time also I believe that the more you smile the more you get positive reactions from people, I like to enjoy life and care about other life too (and this is the hard equivalent).
- 2. How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** No it was my first conference and AMSA Intel work to do as I am the person who is starting AMSA in Egypt and hope to share more in the future.
- 3. What is your favorite AMSA moment?** When I was standing over stage and university leader gave me a gift as RC Egypt can't forget it.
- 4. What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** When I went over the stage in culture night and had to sing Egyptian song :D but I

enjoyed a lot and hope people in conference same although my bad voice :D:P

5. What are your interests and hobbies? I like swimming, football, drawing, traveling, reading facial expressions and eye to eye contact and human resources development and communication skills books.

6. What's your favorite food? Egyptian food called mahshy it is rolled vegetables with rice inside it is called in Turkey sarma and dorma :D also sea food.

7. Which country do you want to go for most? France esp Bora Bora island for honey moon with my queen :D

8. Which of your body part do you think is the best? My smiley face :D

9. What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend? To be kind with beautiful and kind heart then anything else and to feel with her like I am the king and she is my queen.

10. What is your best pickup line? If I traveled around world but I never found such a beautiful girl like you, you're my queen and can't live without you so do you wanna make me still alive or.....?:P

11. If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be? My girl friend she is my queen can't live without her :D no one else.

12. What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you? The KING :D

MEDICAL SCIENCES SUMMER SCHOOL TRANSLATIONAL NEUROSCIENCES

Please email to summerschoolneuro@gmail.com, if you have any questions regarding the Summer School on Translational Neurosciences.

The lectures are interactive and there are problem-solving conferences. Other activities are demonstrations of patients and site visits. This year's course will give a general introduction to different aspects of neurology.

Topics:

- Neuromuscular diseases
- Multiple sclerosis
- Cerebral vascular diseases
- Neurodegenerative diseases
- Neurosurgery
- Neuropsychology
- Intensive care neurology
- Neuro-imaging
- Pediatric neurology

Costs: 445 Euro per participant. This fee includes educational course, meals, accommodation in a student guesthouse, as well as several social activities.
Deadline for application: April 1st, 2011.
Have a look at:
www.summer-schools-groningen.nl

Dates: 9-18 July 2011

For: A summer school on Translational Neurosciences organized for undergraduate medical students, with a special interest in Neurosciences.

MEDICAL SCIENCES SUMMER SCHOOL PEDIATRICS

Date: 9-18 July 2011 summer school

Topic: Pediatrics

For: Medical students in the last pre-clinical year, first clinical year(s).

During the course the pediatricians of the Beatrix Children's Hospital will provide demonstration of patients, lectures, workshops etc. to point out several aspects of the subject. In general this means that the morning program tends to be rather passive (patient demonstration, lectures) and the afternoon program rather active (workshops, visits). The social program will include an introduction weekend in Groningen and a visit to Amsterdam (the last weekend).

Topics:

- Metabolic diseases
- Neonatology
- Neurology
- Cardiology
- Oncology

Please email to summerschoolpediatrics@gmail.com, if you have any questions regarding the Summer School on Pediatrics.

Costs: 465 Euro per participant.

Fee includes educational course, meals, accommodation in a student guesthouse, as well as several social activities.

Deadline for application: April 1st, 2011. Have a look at: www.summer-schools-groningen.nl

Introduction and Welcome by Newsletter Editor AMSA international



At last! The newsletter is done. Firstly I really thank Christina who have done lots of work. Also I want to thank those of who have sent me the articles.

I was very honored to do such job as AMSA International Executive committee. At first it was hard and didn't know what to do, but it was great fun for me. Especially for this version of newsletter, there is Mr. and Mrs. EAMSC Thailand, which I have gave a lot of effort for it. I wish everybody could enjoy it together!

I won't be able to forget this memory working as Editor. Also for other AMSA members, I wish they have found the newsletters we made as useful, informative and also fun. Wish I could have more experience in AMSA International. Again it was very honoring job as Editor, and I wouldn't forget it.

Editor of Newsletter (Hanul): hanul717@naver.com

MEDICAL SCIENCES SUMMER SCHOOL GLOBAL HEALTH

Topic: The Universal Aspects of Reproductive Health

Date: 8-18 July 2011

Cost 475 Euro per participant—includes educational course, meals, accommodation in student guesthouse as well as several social activities

Deadline: April 1st 2011

A summer school on Global Health will be organized by IFMSA-Groningen, part of IFMSA-NL. During this interactive 10-day summer school, students from all over the world will learn about both the basic and more advanced aspects of global health. During the course, various topics eg Gynaecology and Urology, Infertility, Genital mutilation, Abortion, Sexual transmittable diseases will be discussed.

The lectures will be given in an interactive way by professors and doctors from the University Medical Center Groningen. Many workshops, excursions and patient demonstrations are a part of the program.

Participants also get to know the Dutch way of having good fun by means of an exciting social program. Another goal of the summer school is to get to know more about the Dutch culture, and to meet many friends! It's a lot of fun learning and interacting together!

Have a look at: www.summer-schools-groningen.nl

Please email to ssgh@ifmsagroningen.nl, if you have any questions regarding the Summer School on Global Health.

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SUMMER SCHOOL PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

The main goal of this Medical Sciences Summer School is to introduce medical students into the various aspects of palliative medicine with focus on the limitations/complications we are facing today and to understand how to understand/tackle these problems by performing scientific research.

A variety of lectures will be given by experts in the field on topics given below. The participant will actively discuss and present scientifically articles in small groups. A course book will be composed.

Who can participate

Selected medical students (from Groningen, Cardiff and Mannheim) interested in palliative medicine/palliative medicine research.

Selected medical students interested in palliative medicine/palliative medicine research from preferred partners of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences of the University of Groningen.

Please email to summer.schools@med.umcg.nl, if you have any questions regarding the Summer School on Palliative Medicine.

Topics:

*Pain control
Responding to difficult questions
Emergencies in palliative care
Difficult symptoms
End of life decisions*

For: Medical students

Cost: 175 Euro per participant.— This fee includes educational course, meals, accommodation in a student guesthouse, as well as several social activities.

Deadline for application: April 1st, 2011.

Have a look at: www.summer-schools-groningen.nl



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Welcome to Asian Medical Students Association (AMSA) International! We are the peak representative organisation for medical students from across the Asia-Pacific and beyond.

The AMSA Vision is Knowledge, Action and Friendship. Three areas we continuously strive to further in our members and peers through our organisational mission:

Knowledge: we promote scientific and medical activities to increase and expand our knowledge whilst training to become the medical professionals of the future.

Action: as medical students, we are concerned for the community around us and endeavor to do things for the benefit and improvement of our fellow citizens.

Friendship: as future doctors, we aim to build and maintain a good relationship among our colleagues of the Asia-Pacific and beyond.

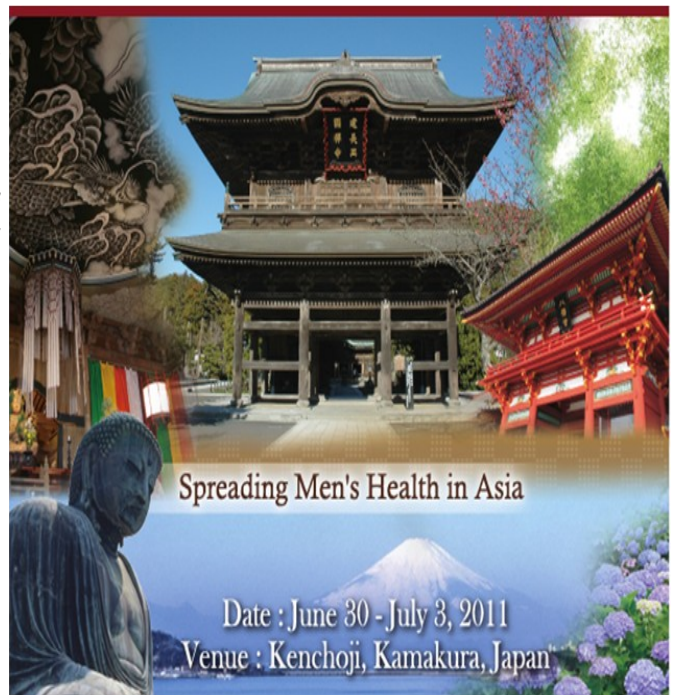
LO ASEAN CALENDAR of EVENTS

ASEAN Paediatric Congress 2011 In Conjunction with the Singapore Paediatric Congress and Singapore Paediatric Nursing Congress with the participation of the American Academy of Paediatrics to be held on 14 to 17 April 2011 on Singapore, Singapore <http://www.apc2011.com.sg>

Joint Preparatory Meeting for the 8th the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) Summit scheduled for May 7-8 in Jakarta

ASEAN Conference on Scientific and Social Science Research 2011 - ACSSSR2011 aims at providing a wide platform for researchers and individuals with a keen interest on ASEAN issues to share their knowledge and expertise. <http://www.acsssr.com>. To be held on 22 to 23 June 2011 in Penang, Malaysia

6th JAPAN-ASEAN Conference on Men's Health & Aging: In conjunction with 11th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Men's Health, 3rd Meeting of the Society for Anti Aging Medicine in Urology. To be held on June 30-July 3, 2011 at Kamakura, Japan.



CONFERENCES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AMSA INTERNATIONAL: SUMMER SCHOOL - GET INVOLVED!

Medical Sciences Summer Schools Groningen of the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, 2011.

With the Summer Schools program, the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) of the University of Groningen, is aiming towards international acknowledgement for medical education and research. In order to facilitate this, the UMCG offers foreign students the opportunity to get acquainted with the patient-oriented curriculum and scientific research, which are directed towards specific fields of interest. These Summer Schools take place during the summer holidays and thus do not coincide with the regular curriculum.

AMSA International Calender of Events

Date	Conferences	Venue
March 6 th - 7 th 2010	3 rd International Online Medical Conferences (IOMC 2010)	
March 16 th - 20 th 2010	APRM 2010 (with IFMSA)	Thailand, Bangkok
April 19 th - 23 rd , 2010	UP Global Health Conferences	Silungan, Morong, Rizal - Philippines
May 23 rd - 25 th 2010	Silhouette 2010 (with IMSA)	Indore, India
July 6 th - 16 th , 2010	Croningen Summer School on Oncology	Croningen, Netherlands
July 25 th - August 1 st 2010	AMSC 2010	Jakarta, Indonesia
January 19 th - 23 rd 2010	EAMSC 2011	Thailand, Bangkok
June 8 th - 11 th , 2010	17 th International Student Congress of Medical Sciences 2010	Croningen, Netherlands

25th East Asian Medical Students' Conference (EAMSC 2012) Adolescent Health: "Embrace the Future, Better the World"

Theme:

*Infectious Diseases:
Battling the Enemy
on All Fronts.*

Place: Singapore
Date: January 2012

Organizer: AMSA
Singapore

Written By:

Alicia Ang
– Organizing Chairperson, 25th EAMSC 2012 Singapore
– General Secretary, AMSA Singapore

and

Tess Teo
AMSEP Officer, AMSA Singapore

Every year, an AMSA member country plays host for the much-anticipated EAMSC. This year, the newest member, AMSA Singapore (AMSASG), is thrilled to have been successful in its bid to host the 25th EAMSC. The conference will take place in January 2012 with the theme *Infectious Diseases: Battling the Enemy on All Fronts*.

Infectious Diseases remains a pertinent issue in the East Asian region despite the recent advancements in healthcare - many will remember the global outbreaks of SARS and H1N1, and even more will know of the challenges we face battling other regional diseases such as dengue and malaria. Through this conference, AMSASG hopes to highlight the significant need for collaboration between countries and healthcare professionals in order to keep up with the constant threat of current and emerging infectious diseases.

Delegates can look forward to experiencing an extensive and intriguing conference, with AMSASG introducing a refreshing range of novel additions to the traditional EAMSC programme. The first of which is the Work Plan Discussions that will allow students to play an active part in designing a solution to the problems participating countries face, in turn providing every country with a plan to implement when they return. Additionally, instead of requiring compulsory attendance for all workshops, EAMSC 2012 will provide delegates the opportunity to choose 2 out of 3 workshops in accordance with their interest. A key feature throughout will be the prominent use of technology such as the Keepad to encourage student participation and to enhance discussions.

Above all, the other initiative that AMSASG is extremely enthusiastic about is the addition of an Open category in the Scientific Poster competition. The theme will be the same as the standard International category – Infectious Disease – but projects submitted need not be constrained by region, i.e. there may be multiple submissions from each region, and if delegates so choose, there may also be cross-regional collaborations. AMSASG realises that many AMSA chapters select their represented research projects through a tough national selection, and due to intense competition many good projects cannot be presented at the conference. It is for these projects that the Open category was created. By showcasing additional projects, more knowledge can be shared among member countries, resulting in additional learning for students, as well as building a stronger research culture within AMSA. This year, AMSASG anticipates the emergence of more high quality projects at EAMSC 2012, raising research standards at the conference and boosting its academic credibility.

The vision AMSASG has for EAMSC 2012 is exciting and in line with that of AMSA-International. As we all come together to learn from both eminent speakers and one another, AMSASG aims to empower all delegates with the relevant **knowledge** of Infectious Diseases. In so doing, we hope that they will be inspired and equipped to take **action** both during the conference as well as after, with the intention of benefiting their local and regional community. Finally, we wish for all delegates to form firm **friendships** that will last for many more years to come.

From all of us here at AMSASG, we extend a warm welcome to everyone and look forward to seeing you in Singapore next January at the 25th EAMSC 2012!



NEW MEMBER EGYPT: REFLECTIONS ON EAMSC THAILAND

I was so happy when they told me to write article about my first AMSA conference because here, is the best place to show how much I am so happy and excited about that trip and that conference



It was my pleasure and honour to share that great family in AMSA I felt I am apart of u long time ago and I was so happy because u accepted us between u so fast and I had a lot of motivation and support from all of u and in the top all countries RCs and responsible and AMSA intel board and ur offers to help me

I had a lot of friends and I had a lot of knowledge not only scientific but also about culture and traditions of different countries I had a lot of fun during the conference and the best of the conference was the OC of Thailand they were so helpful and helped us in all requests we asked for and the best to make us so comfortable and happy so I would like to thank them here

I shared for along time in IFMSA activites over 6years but sharing in AMSA activites was different this motivate me more to work with u because I found new interests to share in ,and I am so happy to be the person who start to make a branch for Egypt in AMSA because I believe that AMSA will add a lot to our medical students and also our students will add more success to AMSA.hope we keep our motivation and spread in Egypt and reach to most of medical students in my country

There was many positive things one of it making the conference in groups as at the end of the conference I felt that my group

is not just friends but areal family for me care about all of them enjoying my time and don't want to spend anytime away from them also cultural workshop this allowed us to know more about culture of different countries and feel it specially that asian culture is completely different from our culture in a lot of things specially food which was strange for us :D

About things I think we could change and may be will be better but just from my point of view with all respect to the system we already have was also group issue I believe it is the best way to organize this big number of people and make it easier for the OC but I think it was so strict that you have to be only in your group so this sometimes not allow u to know more people and make more friendships which is one of conference targets so at the end of the conference may be u found yourself know only your group. so for more knowledge about people and different culture and exchange opinions and make more friendships between delegates we can make group issue all the day except in social time to be more open.



Another thing was group leaders I think they should take more trainings about how to coordinate discussions and arranging ideas and how to make brainstorming to reach to good results so this will make the group discussion more productive and easier but this not mean our leaders in Thailand was bad they did the best work ever but it was like it is first time for them I am not sure if this is the job discription for them but this what I thought So my opinion is to have training director in AMSA who has good skills in that type of trainings and start to

give trainings to medical students so they become will prepared for that I am not talking about the conference topic but about how to lead adiscussion these was only my opinion may be it is true may be not but I found If I really wanna be part of u I should share u all my thoughts and u can correct me

I spent one of the best moments in my life in EAMSC 2011 and I am so happy and proud to be part of u and also it was my pleasure to know all these friends and I think in my group it was not just friendship but I feel they r my brothers and sisters

Hope in next period I can share more and more in AMSA activites and to be effective member who add more success to AMSA and help more medical student all over Egypt by AMSA activites

I don't need to say Egypt is ur second home u r always invited to visit our lovely country and believe me u will never forget ur trip in my country because of our monuments,beautiful landscape and the best egyptian people :D we r famous for being generous,helpful and so funny never stop joking and laughing even in hard days and if u don't believe watch some pics of our demonstration in tahrir square



With love and peace

Mohamed Balabl

AMSA-Egypt RC



AMSEP—ASIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS’ EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Introduction

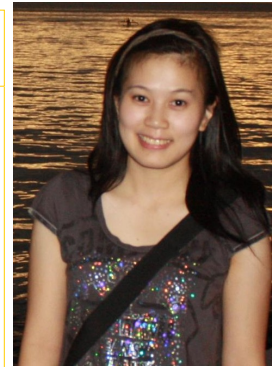
AMSEP (AMSA Exchange Program) is one of program AMSA which established an exchange program between the students of AMSA since 2003. The Asian Medical Students’ Exchange Program (AMSEP) creates opportunities for international preclinical and clinical exchanges between AMSA International countries. The program varies every year as it depends on the host country and university students to organize the schedule. Participating students

not only learn about the health system, medical education and healthcare, but also have a great chance to experience the cultural aspects of the exchange country in a social program.

The Participants

All the AMSA’s member can join this program. However, this program (unfortunately) is only for the country which has established AMSEP (Philippines, Hongkong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Korea, Thailand, Tai-

wan, and United Kingdom). However, it does not close the opportunity for the participants from the country which is not mentioned above. The country that wants to have AMSEP should apply to AMSA International and will become a trial program with some conditions until they are ready to be the AMSEP member. Upcoming AMSEP members: Cambodia, Mongolia, and Singapore (AMSEP Observer).



Article by and contact person: Bella Aprilia Director of AMSEP 2010-2011 amsep@amsa-international.org

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

NO.	HOST	GUEST	DATE
1.	Indonesia	Philippine	10-17 April 2011
2.	Japan	Philippine	April/May 2011
3	Philippine	Indonesia	August 2011
4.	Philippine	Japan	2011
5..	Taiwan	Malaysia	May 2011

The Programs

Since 2006, AMSEP has built a new system called ‘twinning program’. In this system, your university is “twinned” with another university in another country of AMSA. The number of incoming and outgoing students between the two universities is unlimited, but they should be the same. The duration is approximately 7-10 days. All your living expenses

is separated in two parts, the (accommodation, food and transportation, etc) are covered by your twin when you are in his/her country, and vice versa for when your twin visits you. Only the air ticket and fare to twin’s university from airport and the private needs (shopping) should be covered on your own. The content of this program

is separated in two parts, the academic part and social part. The educational part includes lectures about various medical schools in the host country, basic clinical skills, hospital visits, and participation in classes, laboratory experience etc. For the social part, there is usually sightseeing, social dinners, student functions, visiting special events in your country and so on.

How to Join?

Look at the possible date and decide which country or university you want to visit for AMSEP

Contact the AMSEP officer in your university

Fill the official AMSEP application form completely

Wait for the confirmation from the host country

Prepare all the needs (document, letter, etc)

Prof. A. Raman Challenge Trophy

9th Inter-Medical School Physiology Quiz

Date : 22nd & 23rd July 2011

**Venue : University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia**

- * All Universities are welcomed and invited to participate
- * Previous Physiology quizzes included university teams from Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, India, Hong Kong, Philippines, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Malaysia
- * A university team consists of a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 5 students
- * Accommodation and food are provided for all students
- * No registration fees are required
- * Please kindly complete the separate registration form for submission before 30th April 2011
- * Please join our FaceBook "Physiology Quiz Umalaya" for future updates

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Team Pinas of EAMSC 2010 gets Published!

Cross-sectional survey on Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of male Filipino seafarers regarding Sexual Health Guevara, N., Pineda, M., Dorotan, M., Ghimire, K., Co. M., Guzman, A., Postrano, L.

The Philippines is currently the world's leading supplier of seafarers aboard foreign vessels, accounting for nearly a quarter of the world's maritime industry. Seafarers, being mobile, have a significant contribution impact on the worldwide spread of infectious diseases such as sexually transmitted infections (STIs). This study aims to determine the level of knowledge, as well as the attitudes and practices (KAP) of male Filipino seafarers regarding sexual health. A cross-sectional survey was administered through convenience sampling of male Filipino seafarers. The respondents showed the least knowledge about prevention, followed by transmission of STIs. The respondents showed adequate knowledge about risk factors such as multiple sex partners, and about transmission such as vertical spread. In addition, the respondents indicated their attitude and level of responsibility in informing their sexual partners in case they contract STIs and avoidance of high-risk partners. They also showed attitudes that predispose them to high-risk behaviour such as decreased sexual sensation caused by use of condoms and added pleasure in having intercourse with strangers. The majority of respondents were sexually active. Most have STI/HIV screening as part of their pre-employment medical exam. Positive practices include use of condoms, voluntary medical evaluation for STI's, and avoidance of high-risk partners. Negative practices include going to bars closely linked with prostitution, and most of the respondents had had sexual intercourse with sex workers overseas. Male seafarers appear to have double standards regarding women as sexual partners - about half had intercourse outside their stable relationships. They perceive protection as their sole discretion.

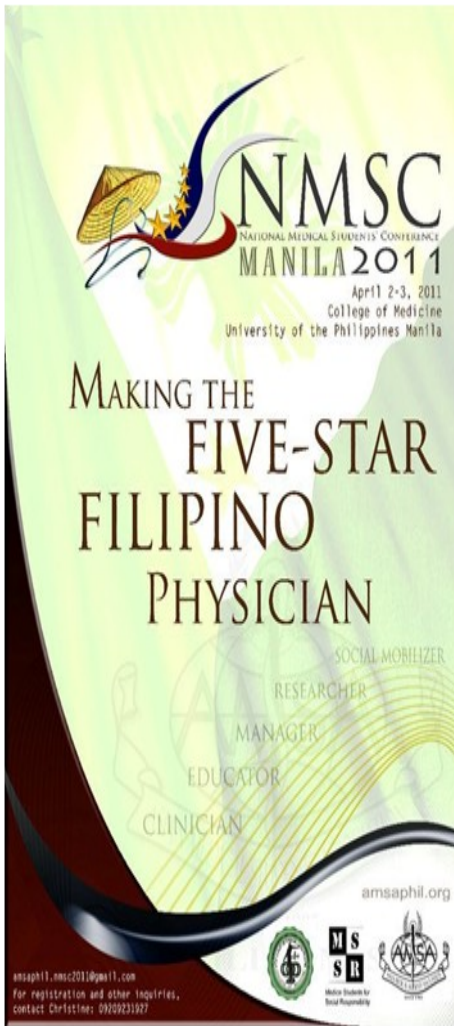
Congratulation to TEAM-Pinas! Spearheaded by Nicole Alexandria Guevara, Team Pinas (*Pinas* is short for Philippines) gets published in a journal, the International of Maritime Health 2010, Vol. 61, No. 4. IMH is a peer-reviewed journal indexed by: Index Medicus/MEDLINE with PubMed; Embase; WHO CIS Bulletin; Polish Medical Bibliography; The Ministry of Science and Higher Education; and Index Copernicus.

After months of emailing back and forth with the editors and peer reviewers, the awaited Journal has finally arrived – fresh from the printing press to our humble hands. We are thankful to Dr. Elrey Navarro, Dr. Don Eliseo Priso and Dr. Ma. Victoria Villareal for their continuous support and generous cooperation. And most of all, we are thankful to God.

Article by :
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Reflection: AMSA-Philippines 2010-2011



This year, AMSA-Philippines boost national activities such as the AMSEP, AIMSEP, SCOPE. Here, the delegates were exposed to the academic set-up and medical curriculum in the Philippines, the famous tourist attractions, and

various cultural sites and practices. With the success of the exchange programs, AMSEP Philippines aims to welcome more foreign delegates to our country!

Nationally, we organized Medical & Tuli Missions, and ACTION (Asian Collaborative Training on Infectious Disease, Outbreak, Natural Disaster, and Refugee Management). WE are also in the process of relaunching the National Medical Students' Conference, an annual gathering of medical students in the Philippines. NMSC provides medical students a venue to interact with and learn from each other outside the confines of the classroom, laboratory, and hospital. This year's conference will be the first in three years, expected to be participated in by 300 medical students from all over the country. The theme of the conference is "Making the Five-Star Filipino Physician." In this year's two-day conference, we aim to explore the diverse ways on how we, future physicians, can become holistic and relevant doctors for the Filipinos – as clinicians, teachers, researchers, managers, and social mobilizers. In the conference, participants will engage in healthy and dynamic discussions about the field of medicine in the Philippines as well as meet successful and inspiring models from different sectors of the Philippine health system.

Those aside: In the Luzon Region, AMSA Chapters such as UP MSSR organize Global Health Course, Million Pleas, Anti-Smoking Campaigns, Peace Week, Orphanage visits,

and Maternal and Newborn Lectures. AMSA-UST Chapter network with other organizations for Freshmen Survival Guide, Mr and Ms Medicine Personality, and outreach programs.

In Visayas Region, AMSA-WVSU Chapter managed and coordinated Blood Drives for Dengue Season, Immunization Service for medical students, Safety and Survival Course, and medical missions. LaSalle Chapter held symposiums on Global Health Situation and Reproductive Health Bill, Debate Competition on Health issue and produce a bi-monthly newsletter, Tambal.

The AMSA Chapters of the Philippines, an archipelago of 7,107 islands, with its rich culture and traditions also produce vibrant and colorful ideas aimed -- in developing a culture of academically competent, global-oriented, culturally-sensitive medicine students who can serve, not only as role models in the health profession, but also as influential leaders of society, upholding humanitarian ideals, medical ethics and values.

Mabuhay!

Article by: Nicole Alexandria Guevara (Apple) Regional Chairperson, AMSA-Philippines



AMSA-PHILIPPINES Celebrates World AIDS DAY By: Adovich Rivera

Last December, AMSA Philippines with the rest of the world commemorated World AIDS day. Due to recent declaration of the surge of HIV positive cases in the country, AMSA Philippines aided in the education efforts by handing out flyers in their respective universities and putting about posters regarding HIV/AIDS. Facebook was also used to spread the word with AMSA members adding the red AIDS ribbon in their profile pictures and putting up links on their walls.

The National Epidemiology Center reports that we have an HIV epidemic in our country with the recent increase in infection rate and a switch in the main mode of transmission. With the current resources available, we can't support the treatment of those living with the virus indefinitely. To ensure universal access, we must stop this epidemic and keep our numbers low. We urge everyone to help in the campaign by sharing your knowledge about the virus, the infection and the disease and by being vocal in your support for laws and policies that will aid in curbing the HIV/AIDS epidemic.



Article by: AMSA Japan Executive Committee 2010-11

March 27, 2011 @ Kyoto University

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REPORTS ON OUR AMSA NATIONAL MEETING @ KYOTO



safety of their loved one and their future at stake. Our national safety is currently being threatened by radiation leak from Fukushima nuclear powerplant and the resistant aftershocks.

cause many of AMSA Japan executive committee members are still affected by the earthquake themselves, and also, the situation in our country changes every second. However, in our national meeting at Kyoto University on March 26-27, AMSA



and sisters' all over the world.

Dear AMSA members,

On March 11, our country was hit by the biggest earthquake in the world history. It was named "Eastern Japan earthquake", which briefly refers to northern-eastern part of Japan. This disaster caused serious damages on extensive areas because it was composed of three simultaneous, hideous disasters, which are earthquake, tsunami and the powerplant explosion. After three weeks, the death toll from this natural disaster is still expected to increase; there are over 30,000 people who are either dead or missing. Over a million people are living patiently in temporary shelters while worrying about the

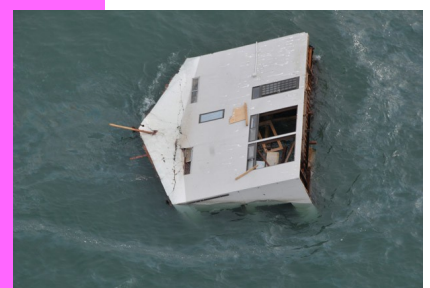
This disaster warned majority of the countries to seek for further improvement in preventive measures of natural disasters especially regarding the management of nuclear power plants. Now, the world's attention is on how Japanese government and its citizens can unite to restore our infrastructure, to re-investigate our current system of basic lifelines, and most importantly to continuously provide support for the affected ones.



Japan came up with some possible aids that we can maybe provide for the victims of this disaster. These aids are only temporary proposals, so we still need to discuss these in more details with AMSA International. But, we believe that we can surely make our steps because we are not ALONE. Immediately after the earthquake, we have been receiving many warm, kind words and prayers from AMSA brothers'

AMSA Japan will continue to seek ways to help the victims, and contribute not just to our society, but to our world's community as a member chapter of AMSA. We need your help and your ideas.

As a member of Japanese citizen and our national medical community, AMSA Japan has held daily meetings since the day of the earthquake in order to discuss how we, the medical students' organization, can make response to this situation. We haven't yet arrived at concrete solutions be-



SUMMARY OF OUR WORKSHOP~HOW CAN WE UTILIZE OUR NETWORK TO HELP THE VICTIMS?

Understanding this disaster and our current situation

We collected resources from the news and internet to make a short film about the progress of the situation. After watching the film, some members shared their experience of this



GROUP DISCUSSION

We were assigned to five six different groups and had a discussion about the theme for 50 minutes. Each group had different ways of organizing ideas, and for one group of students, they divided ideas into short-term help and long-term help. After the discussion, each group tried to come up with one word that best represents their ideas, and the representative from each group shared his/her ideas with the audience.

POSSIBLE AIDS THAT AMSA JAPAN MAYBE ABLE TO PRO-

Activities in affected area

- listen to the story of the affected people, and make a simple flyer about volunteering activities
- support other organizations or groups in the disaster area or where the victims have evacuated.
- work as translators for international citizens or international volunteers in the disaster area
- pair up doctors and students to supplement each other's abilities.
- go to the disaster area and investigate the current situation
- hear what disaster-affected people said

Provide Information

- Create a network, which connects local medical students in Japan.
- Help spread reliable and informative resources
- Provide reliable information using facebook or other social networking site

Organizing events:

- Organizing workshop and field studies in those affected areas for medical students from all over the world

Cooperation between all AMSA countries:

- Make informative resources related to the earthquake in different languages with other AMSA chapters' support. We would like to ask if they can help us translate the language from Japanese to other Asian languages. (ask each AMSA chapter)
- Ask help for financial donations.



Others:

Accept people from the disaster area (temporary home-stay) and introduce them to available social services that our government provides.



MISS AND MR EAMSC THAILAND

2011—VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE NOW

Number	Country	Name
1	Kevin	Mr Malaysia
2	Li Lian	Miss Malaysia
3	Anthea	Miss Taiwan
4	Gordon	Mr Taiwan
5	Ching	Mr Singapore
6	Lynn	Miss Singapore
7	Yanjmaa	Miss Mongolia
8	PuaiYee	Miss New Zealand
9	Rajesh Da	Mr Bandladesh
10	Shahuda	Miss Bangladesh
11	ChengshaoBo	Mr China
12	Ivy	Miss China
13	Edbert	Mr Indonesia
14	Anastasia	Miss Indonesia
15	Sunny	Mr Hong Kong
16	Karen	Miss Hong Kong

17	Taro	Mr Japan
18	Sayaka Mitsuda	Miss Japan
19	Sagar	Mr Nepal
20	Plub	Miss Thailand
21	Zoom	Mr Thailand
22	Hwa Lee	Miss Korea
23	Alex	Mr Korea
24	Oum	Mr Cambodia
25	Chang	Mr UK
26	Torgie	Miss Australia
27	?	Mr Australia
28	Mohamed	Mr Egypt

Introducing the first ever EAMSC AMSA International “Mr and Miss” Competition. Many of those that get involved in the annual AMSA events such as the annual EAMSC and AMSA conferences would have met many of the interesting people described in the following pages in their own words.

We have started the tradition of this competition in that hope that more people will read the AMSA newsletter and jump onto the AMSA website to vote and also to take a look around at the great things AMSA is offering and to get involved.

Please have a look and vote for your favourites at the AMSA international website online.
<http://www.amsa-international.org/>

Everyone who has taken part in this competition has done so willingly and with full consent. This is was done to encourage friendship and in the spirit of fun. This competition is in no way meant to be taken too seriously.

Sincerely,

Christina and Han
 Newsletter editors AMSA International

MISS AND MR EAMSC THAILAND 2011—VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE NOW

Introducing Kevin—Mr EAMSC Malaysia 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** I'm Kevin Tan, a third year medical student from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** I was briefly involved in the International Research Task for AMSC Jakarta consisting of harassing poor innocent senior citizens with waist-hip ratios and questions regarding their lifestyle. Good fun.
3. **What is your favourite AMSA moment?** After 4 grueling months of battling the ethics committee, hospital legal department and welfare department, winning the paper of EAMSC 2011.
4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** I've probably blocked it off from my conscious memory, so I'm not sure.
5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** Whenever I get bored in lectures I draw to pass the time. It's much less obvious than sleeping and you trick the lecturer into thinking you're writing down notes.
6. **What's your favourite food?** Right now I'm into salmon.
7. **Which country do you want to go the most?** The UK. Only because they've got such cute accents.
8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** I've been told I've got a pretty face. Mostly by my own self, but I digress.
9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** Humour. Smarts. Looks. Not sure in which order, though.
10. **What is your best pickup line?** Hello.
11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** The entire cast of Glee.
12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describe you?** Supermegafoxyawesomehot. I'm joking. =)

Introducing Yi Lian Wong/Yi Lian—Miss EAMSC Malaysia 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** Malaysia. I just turned 21 recently. Currently, I am studying in Year 3 at National University of Malaysia. I am a Malaysian Chinese. So, feel free to speak English, Malay or Mandarin to me.
2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** In 2010, I participated in The 23rd EAMSC Kuala Lumpur as a group moderator and organizing committee of academic department. That was how I first get involved with AMSA International.
3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** I have a lot of favourite AMSA moments. But of all, my most favourite moment in AMSA was when I organized a pre-AMSC public health event called "Love Your Age, Love Your Health" at Kuala Lumpur in April last year. Thankfully, the event was successful and our hard works paid off. To me, it was the most beneficial contribution that I've done through AMSA. I am glad to be given the opportunity to educate the community which was one of the factors why I love AMSA.
4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** The most embarrassing AMSA moment that I have just happened recently when I was taking care of one of the Malaysian delegate who was sick. She was having high grade fever with chills and rigors. The nurse had already covered her with layers of blankets but she was still shivering. In order to make her feel better, I wanted to pet her and shrug her shoulder but acci-

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dently put my hand on her boob because I could not judge where her shoulder was, due to the thick blankets covering her body. Luckily, both of us are females and she did not mind about it. Phew~

5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** I love to cook, mostly Chinese or Western food. But being a medical student in clinical year, the busy life doesn't really allow me to cook everyday. Anyhow, I still need to settle my own diet. A good excuse for me to spend time other than studying, isn't it?

6. **What's your favorite food?** Marshmallow and strawberry!!! It's magic.

7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** Greece! The magnificent beaches and islands with azure blue seas, as well as the interesting ancient myth and legends are what attract me. Mamma Mia! I am curious about the scent of Greece. How would Greece smell like?

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** Heart. I have a cardiology problem which troubled me since young. Fortunately, I underwent a procedure last year which allows me to leave a normal life. So now, I would think that heart is my best body part which I treasure the most.

9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** Sincerity. No girl would want a hypocrite as boyfriend.

10. **What is your best pickup line?** Erm, I can't think of any. @@

11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** A thin guy with brown hair, fair skin and slim fingers, good at piano and "arguing".

12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Trustworthy. You can trust me, if you dare. LOL!

Introducing Athena—Miss EAMSC TAIWAN 2011



1. Please introduce yourself briefly.

Hello everybody! I'm ChuYen Huang (Athena) from Taiwan. I am 19 years old, and now in the first year of Mackay Medical College.

2. How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?

This is my first time attending EAMSC.

3. What is your favorite AMSA moment?

My favorite AMSA moment is the last midnight of EAMSC 2011 in Bangkok. At that night, most of our group members assembled in a room, drinking and playing games and chatting about these days. That's my first time staying up for drinking, a cool experience. Meanwhile, in the moment I feel the relationship among my group mates become much tighter.

4. What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?

The culture night. Because I had never wore such short skirt and revealed my belly and dancing on the stage...

5. What are your interests and hobbies

I'm interested in art and dance. I can draw and dance a little bit, but not very well.

6. What's your favorite food?

There are so many food that I like, and I cannot decide which one is my favorite. I love tasting different kinds of delicacies.

7. Which country do you want to go for most?

Canada, New Zealand, Denmark, The Netherlands.....

8. Which of your body part do you think is the best?

My right eye, maybe.

9. What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?

He must be considerate, having a stable and mature personality.

10. What is your best pickup line?

Hello. May I take a picture with you?

11. If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?

My kitty cat.

12. What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?

A INNOCENT kid.

Introducing Gordon—Mr EAMSC TAIWAN 2011

1. Please introduce yourself briefly.

Hi, I'm Gordon from Taiwan. My real name is 邱暄晉 (Chiu, Hsuen Chin), which I seldom use during international events. Because it usually took me a lot of time to make others pronounce it correctly. I became Mr. Taiwan because I couldn't find Ian Hsu when Christina came to me.

Miss and Mr EAMSC Thailand

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2. How have you been involved with AMSA international in the past?

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EAMSC 2010, AMSC 2010, EAMSC 2011: Delegate

3. What is your favorite AMSA moment?

Breakfast time, especially when it comes in the form of buffet.

4. What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?

Being found out by other (Taiwanese) delegates that I'm Mr. Taiwan.

5. What are your interests and hobbies?

I'm a Sci-Fi fan. Star Wars and 宇宙戦艦ヤマト are my favorites.

6. What's your favorite food?

Anything besides LUNCHBOXES.

7. Which country do you want to go for most?

For now, Thailand. EAMSC gave me the the chance to know how good can Thailand be. Now I want to know the country and its people better.

8. Which of your body part you think is the best?

Eyebrows. I'm very good at controlling them. I can do many extraordinary facial expression using them.

9. What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?

I'll tell you when I finally get one.

10. What is your best pickup line?

This is my name card...

11. If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?

uh... I don't know... Maybe the girl whose picture was posted next to mine.

12. What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?

A serious idiot.

Introducing Ching—Mr EAMSC Singapore 2011

1. Please introduce yourself briefly.

Hello everyone who's reading this. I'm Ching from Singapore. Medical school is my hobby. My real job is actually learning languages, running marathons (5 and counting), cycling and thinking about the world in general. That is called philosophy. Sometimes I wish I were a philosopher, but nowadays I find myself thinking about why the human body works to pass exams.

2. How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?

Well let's see... AMSA Singapore is a fairly new entity. We first went to EAMSC 2010 in Kuala Lumpur not knowing what to expect. I was chief delegate then, because someone had to handle all the administrative tasks and nobody else wanted to do it. From then on, we were convinced that it would be good for Singapore to have a branch, so we set one up. Was the chief delegate again for AMSC Jakarta 2010 (again, administration) and then after our committee was formed I became the RC. Next year will be my final year in medical school, and we will be hosting EAMSC 2012. So in 2 years, from not knowing what to expect to currently finding myself sweating it out with the committee to organize a conference, that's how I am involved.

3. What is your favorite AMSA moment?

If this were an exam (aren't we all obsessed with exams) I would fail this question, because it is so difficult to pinpoint a certain favourite AMSA moment. It has all been fantastic thus far. J Well... ok I can think of one in particular. Bug me and I might let you know. ;)



4. What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?

I don't get embarrassed easily... I think. Sometimes it takes the hide of a rhinoceros to get things done. I did present a scientific poster on erectile dysfunction in EAMSC 2010 Kuala Lumpur though after working on the study and talking to many old men on the phone to ask them about their... performance – it can't get any worse than that.

5. What are your interests and hobbies?

As mentioned earlier, medical school is my hobby. I love going to the hospitals to see patients and understanding more about them and their condition. My current interest within my hobby is internal medicine, because the field is broad and intellectually stimulating. It also corroborates well with my work, one of which I forgot to mention earlier – watching episodes of House MD and trying to come up with diagno-

ses. My other main hobby includes trying hard to tidy my chronically untidy desk – I think my desk is a teratoma of some sort actually in reality.

6. What's your favorite food?

Where do I begin? ;) I live in Singapore, and Singapore has foods from all countries and cultures. I'm not particular with food either. But if you wanted me to pinpoint it down to one dish it'd be McDonald's french fries. Blame it on the advertisement, or the fact that my parents loved to bring me to McDonald's when I was younger – but eating fries makes me warm inside, somewhat, figuratively and literally.

7. Which country do you want to go for most?

This is cheating a bit but I'd really like to go to space and do space travel as a tourist. Been to the UK, Australia, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Egypt, Japan, South Korea and many other places – but I'd like to see all of it from a "Google Earth" perspective. J

Which of your body part do you think is the best?

My eyes.

What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?

The most important thing would be the ability for us to connect on a deeper level beyond the pretty looks, fancy hair and nice clothes. Looks fade, personalities don't. My girlfriend must be interesting enough.

What is your best pickup line?

Don't stare at me. You will fall for me. ;)

If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?

Lady Gaga. J

What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?

Stidious; crazy

Introducing Lynn—Miss EAMSC Singapore 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly** I'm Lynn, year 2 medical student in NUS. I'm petite though I always wished I was taller. I'm a Christian, and I enjoy dancing in my free time (though medical school has deprived me the luxury of time to continue dancing lessons)

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** This was my first AMSA experience, and I was involved with the paper writing component of the competition

3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** Has got to be the cultural workshops where we learnt to make the fake fruit figurines, and got a free thai massage on our backs and shoulders

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4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** When I suffered a bulk of food poisoning one of the nights during dinner, and started throwing up in the cab ride back while my GM was in the taxi with me. I interrupted his dinner halfway because of that.
5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** Dancing, jogging, reading and travelling the world
6. **What's your favorite food?** Chocolates!
7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** Switzerland
8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** My eyes
9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** Someone who loves me more than I love him
10. **What is your best pickup line?** None. I wait for people to pick me up :D
11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** My current boyfriend still J
12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** sweet

Introducing Yanjmaa —Miss EAMSC Mongolia 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** My name is YANJMAA my nick name is OK-SANA. Im 19. I study in Health science university of Mongolia. My hobby is ride a motorcycle and horse racing. Whenever i get a time i like draw a picture and read a book.
2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** I involved with AMSA because i liked it. Therefore i wrote application and interview
3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** All times when im in AMSA are my favorite moment.
4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** I dont remember.
5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** My hobby is riding a motorcycle and traveling
6. **What's your favorite food?** My favorite food is korean food and i also like potato.
7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** I want to go to FRANCE for most.
8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** My hand is best part of my body.
9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** I think belief is most important when i seek my boyfriend
10. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** It would be PASTRANA
11. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Snow lover

Introducing Puai Yee —Miss EAMSC New Zealand 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** I am Puai Yee, a 5th year medical student from University of Otago, Wellington, NZ. I was raised in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and I am the eldest in my family with 2 younger sisters.
2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** Attending EAMSC Bangkok 2011 was my first involvement in a conference organized by AMSA. It was a shame as I felt that I should have got involved in AMSA earlier! (AMSA is so awesome!)
3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** The ice-breaking session with my fellow group mates (Group 10 rocks!) during the EAMSC Bangkok. We had a game on listing "the things that only you have experienced but not others in the group" and the person who has experienced the most things that are mentioned by other group mates wins the game. We had so much fun as we shared our experiences in life and got to know each other better.
4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** I nearly went into a male's toilet at one of the universities I visited in Bangkok as I couldn't understand Thai written instructions. The guy who came out from the toilet gave me a shock when I was going to enter.
5. **What are your interests and hobbies** I love playing the piano and I have been playing at the Wellington Hospital as a volunteer. I also like to take photos of beautiful and interesting things that I come across, so I always make sure that my compact camera is with me whenever I am out. Making cards is another hobby of mine. I like to make cards for my loved ones on their birth-

days as nothing is more important than their smiles.

6.. **What's your favorite food?** I love spicy food! Malaysian Laksa, Thai Tomyam, Indian Tikka Masala and Korean Kimchi just to name a few.

7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** I would like to go to GuangXi, China where my paternal grandparents originally came from. This is because my grandparents passed away when I was very young, and I didn't have the chance to get to know their stories in China. It would also be interesting to know the origin and history of my last name and have a look at the environment where my grandparents first met each other, got married and lived together in GuangXi.

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?**

My chubby cheeks. They are my signature; even my mother and both my sisters have them. (Sorry dad if you feel left out. :p)

9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** My boyfriend has to be someone who loves me for who I am and is willing to accept my strengths and weaknesses. I am very lucky to have found the person. J

10. **What is your best pickup line?** Hi, my name is Puai Yee....

11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** In reality, I would not want to date anyone else but my current boyfriend. If I really had to choose, I would like to date Prince William before he is married to Kate Middleton. I am interested in his royal life and duty as a prince in this modern time. (Not to mention his love story with Kate Middleton!)

12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** artistic medical student

Introducing Rajesh Da —Mr EAMSC Bangladesh 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** I am Rajesh Das. I am a 5th year medical student from Bangladesh.

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** EAMSC 2011 is my first participation in an AMSA conference. I have been an AMSA-BD member from 2007. I was Secretary of Academic of AMSA-BD last year and Regional Chairperson this year.

3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** Being selected as RC is my favorite AMSA moment.

4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** Realizing that Jou Chun Wu is girl

5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** Reading novels, playing computer games and watching movie

6. **What's your favorite food?** Chicken curry with fried rice

7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** France

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** Eye

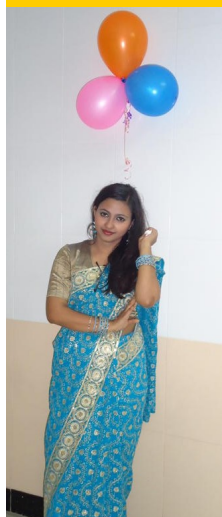
9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** She must be intelligent and smart.

10. **What is your best pickup line?** Nothing particular

11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** Shahida Akter

12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Responsible

Introducing Shahida —Miss EAMSC Bangladesh 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** I am Shahida Akter. I am a 5th year medical student from Bangladesh.

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** EAMSC 2011 is my first participation in an AMSA conference. I have been an AMSA-BD member from 2007. I am Secretary of Academic of AMSA-BD this year.

3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** The group discussion on the first day of EAMSC 2011 is my favorite AMSA moment.

4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** Nothing.

5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** Reading novels, playing computer games and watching movie

6. **What's your favorite food?** Chicken fry with fried rice

7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** USA

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** Eye

9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** He must be smart.

10. **What is your best pickup line?** Nothing particular

11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** Rajesh Das

12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Dependable

Introducing Chen Shaobo —Mr EAMSC China 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** Hello, my name is Chen Shaobo, from Beijing, China. I am currently in my 4th year of medical study. This is my 1st time to the EAMSC and I really enjoyed meeting all of you!
2. **How have you been involved with AMSA international in the past?** No. This is the 1st time.
3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** Cultural night, when students danced and sang and had fun together and when all Chinese-speaking students sang the song 童话 brought by Hong Kong.
4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** I forgot the name of a girl at the cultural night, whom I just met and talked with the day before! I don't think that I'll forget her name again. She is Chu Yen HUANG, from Taiwan.
5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** I am interested in sports and music. I enjoy ice skating and playing all kinds of ball games, including volleyball, badminton and basketball.
6. **What's your favorite food?** I like all kinds of foods. But my favorite is Chinese food.
7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** Alaska of USA and amazon of Brazil.
8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** Hmmm.....I think they are all very good!!
9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** I like her and she likes me. That's it.
10. **What is your best pickup line?** I don't know.....But I think that I will be very frank and straightforward.
11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?**
I'm not sure...Maybe Obama and Ma Ying-jeo (Taiwan president), to find out why they are so charming.
12. **What do you think is the best words that describes you?** I'm a good and frank guy :D

Introducing Ivy —Mr/iss EAMSC China 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** Hey! I'm Ivy, 19 years old, from Beijing, China. I'm very outgoing, energetic (could be crazy sometime) and I love making new friends! I like singing, dancing, movies, volleyball, badminton, photography, still, traveling is my top favorite.
2. **How have you been involved with AMSA international in the past?** I'm a new member of AMSA and this is my first academic conference so far. In the 24th EAMSC, I'm in charge of the country booth of China.
3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** It's really hard to count, every minute spent with my group is my favorite moment!
4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** At culture night, when I was standing in the front row on the stage and the music came out wrong, I had to try to lead the dance without anyone realized.
5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** As I said before, singing, dancing, watching movies, photography and traveling, etc. Basically, everything I can do with friends.
6. **What's your favorite food?** Ice cream and chocolate (high calory I know...)
7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** It's really hard to decide, France maybe. I just love traveling!
8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** nail (does it even count :P)
9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** personality of course J. He should be sunny, humorous, with beautiful smile, and love sports.
10. **What is your best pickup line?** never tried before.. would be pretty simple, "Hi, I'm Ivy. Nice to meet you! Where are you from?"
11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** Ian Joseph Somerhalder (I just couldn't resist the charm of vampire :P)
12. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** lively nice friend

Introducing Edbert —Mr EAMSC Indonesia 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** My name is Edbert Wreksoatmodjo, I'm in my fourth year in Padjadjaran University and I'm lovin' it. I am a man with many hobbies, one of them would be photography, you can see my shots in my facebook or flickr account. My other hobbies would be sports, I like to do pretty much any sports that exist; football, basketball, tennis, table tennis, badminton, swimming, golf, gym,..... you name it. Music is something that i enjoy very much as well, I love Jazz and Blues music or any music that makes you move :p well, I don't know what else to say to briefly describe me, but i'd be very happy to meet anyone in person and then maybe you'll get to know me a little bit better.

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** I have attended 3 conferences, EAMSC 2009 Malaysia, AMSC 2009 Taiwan, and EAMSC 2011 Thailand. I did a paper presentation during the AMSC 2009 conference.

3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** When the medical students from various countries come together and having a great time in every conference

4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** When I was sweating like hell when I did the paper presentation

5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** Photography, sports, music, movies, books, games, travelling, culinary, meeting new people.

6. **What's your favorite food?** Heaps! But if I have to choose one i'll go with Indonesian Food.

7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** Currently I want to go back to Thailand and explore it thoroughly, since I didn't get the chance during the last conference

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** Oh well, I don't know about that. But if I have to answer, i'll say my eyes?

9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** CHEMISTRY!!!

10. **What is your best pickup line?** How you doin'??? (Joey Tribbiani – Friends) Haha, kidding, I don't really have one

11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** My future wife.

12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** A mysterious and a curious man.

Introducing Anastasia—Miss EAMSC Indonesia 2011



1. My name is Anastasia Kumala. I come from Indonesia now I am in the fourth year in the medical study, in the next march I will became a graduated medical student and will be studying in the clinical field.

2. I have been the member of AMSA since my first year. Last year I was the chief of the transportation and accommodation for the AMSC 2010 in Jakarta. I met and worked with many delegates all over the world in the conference. It was an awesome moment and experience I get.

3. My favorite AMSA moment is when I involve in the conference, it so fun when i can get the opportunities to see the culture and place of another country. The second one is i can know and study about one medical issue which is discussed there and apply it for my future. And the last but not least that I can meet and be friends with many people all over the world and also know about their culture.

4. My most embarrassing AMSA moment is when I forget about the name of the people I just meet. Then when I meet them I will just pretend I know them and just talk without say their name.

5. I love traveling a lot, it is like my passion and what I want to do until I am old. I also like read book because it make me know about many things and watch the television.

6. Chinese and seafood is the most delicious food in my opinion. I just like to eat them in every occasion.

sion.

7. I really want to go to Miami, America because I love beach so much and I think it has the best beach all over the world.

8. I think it is my lips

9. The most important thing is that he loves God, his family and also his community. With that principal in mind, he must be a kind and loyal person.

10. Hi, I see that you are doing something interesting there, I'm anas by the way. Nice to meet you.

11. i really want to date my future husband so that I can know a lot better of him ratter than before. ^^
funny and cute girl

Introducing Sunny—Mr EAMSC Hong Kong 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** I am Sunny Wong, a year-1 medical student at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. I am an officer in the Joint Conference Committee Publications and Promotions Department, and I am in group 9 in the EAMSC.

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA international in the past?** No

3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** Of course it should be the EAMSC. I don't expect we can get to know each other so well and build friendship in such a short period of time. To be honest, I always nodded off when others were presenting their finding, it was a great, enjoyable relaxing time there:-]. The rest of the trip was just awesome! The buffet on the ship with great night scenery was cool! Everyone was dancing excitedly with pop songs. 'Rah, rah, ah, ah, ah, Roma, roma, ma, Gaga, ooh, la, la, Want your bad romance' I still remember the hot atmosphere there! And the girl-boy show was unforgettable too. I guess many guys, like me, enjoyed the show very much however leaved with a long sigh, what a pity the pretty girls on stage are male... I especially love the finale, cultural night. Delegates from each country paid lots of efforts to the show and we together gave fantastic performance of a great variety. XD At last, we all went on stage and dance crazily.

4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** I don't really want to mention that embarrassing moment again actually, do you still remember when we EAMSC delegates went to a palace garden in the last day? We got a chance to book a 'golf' car and drove around the garden. Every-

one of us was so excited to be able to drive in that beautiful place, and we started to talk about our driving license to see if we were 'entitled' to be the driver. It seemed most of my group mates got their driving licenses already and I, who still knew nothing about driving except playing Mario kart, at first decided to just sit behind and take photos. You can guess what happen next... I saw they drive so easily and started to have confidence in myself, so I asked if I could be the driver for a moment. So I stepped on the accelerating pedal and started to travel along the path. 'Alright! It's not that difficult to drive this small and slow car.' I thought to myself. Just when I had this thought on my mind, I overly-turned around the car>.<, I immediately wanted to turn it back to the right direction but failed. My left leg stepped very hard on the brake but at the same time... I couldn't figure out why... another leg was uncontrollable and stuck to the accelerating pedal. So... I bumped into a big flower pot next to the road, it moved a whole meter away, and the plant inside got thrown away. Oh my God! Luckily, there is no casualty...

5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** I like watching movies and TV, listening to classical and pop music (especially Jason Mraz's yo!), and playing piano and badminton

6. **What's your favorite food?** I like Japanese food the most. If you give me salmon sashimi, no matter how full I am, I will finish it off.

7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** I love to go to European countries, no matter Britain, France, Germany, Italy, etc. There are great sceneries there, and many classical buildings carry fruitful historical background. I especially love to go there in winter time, though it's not a travelling season, to see the snow there.

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** My mouth. I smile all the time, that's why I'm called Sunny

9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** Share similar value and personality with me. 'Sweet' and at the same time 'mature' are all what I want. It would be perfect if she is a Christian.

10. **What is your best pickup line?** Hey! How do you do?

11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** Anne Hathaway

12. **What do you think is the best words that describes you?** Smart and funny but sometimes harum-scarum

Introducing Karen—Miss EAMSC Hong Kong 2011

1. **Please introduce yourself briefly** Hey guys! I'm Karen Chan from Hong Kong, 18, studying at the University of Hong Kong. I am petite, have short hair, and have an outgoing personality.

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** I've only joined medical school for half a year, so I haven't been extremely involved, but I am Hong Kong's executive committee for AMSAHK and am part of the Joint Conference Organizing Committee for Hong Kong's upcoming Joint Conference 2011! I've also went to Thailand's EAMSC 2011, which was truly an amazing experience.

3. **What is your favourite AMSA moment?** My favourite AMSA moment has to be during EAMSC 2011's River Cruise, when everyone was dancing to music on the deck. Honestly, one more unanimous jump could downright sink the ship. It makes me smile and realize the power of AMSA whenever I go back to that moment.

4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** Probably the moments captured on camera of me sleeping during lectures, because I was absolutely exhausted from waking up at 6 am everyday.

5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** Like any other typical girl, I loveeee to shop. I also like hanging out with my friends,

and trying out small cafes or restaurants around the city. Surprisingly they often serve the best food.

6. **What's your favourite food?** I love Japanese sushi and sukiyaki, they can always make a bad day right.

7. **Which country do you want to go to most?** I want to go to Greece the most, because I've always envisioned it as a picturesque place brimming with serenity and culture.

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** I like to smile a lot, so probably my mouth.

9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** The most important thing for me is a comfortable and natural connection. Who cares about appearances when you are with your best friend?

10. **What is your best pickup line?** I ripped this off facebook, but it sounds like a pretty good (medicine-nerdy) pickup line, "I wish I were adenine because then I could get paired with U." Lol.

11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** I love my boyfriend more than anything, so I wouldn't choose anyone else :P

12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describe you?** I'm lame :D

Introducing Taro—Mr EAMSC Japan 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly** My name is Taro Nakatsukasa. I like soccer. I'm a dental student.

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** nothing

3. **What is your favourite AMSA moment?** Paper Presentation

4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** Discussion

5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** Traveling

6. **What's your favourite food?** Sushi

7. **Which country do you want to go to most?** Italy

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** Nose

9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** Humour

10. **What is your best pickup line?** Gentleman

11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** Mischa Barton

12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describe you?** sport man

Introducing Sayaka Mitsuda—Miss EAMSC Japan 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly** I am from Japan! I'm very poor at English, so I was worried about EAMSC.

But everyone is kind!! I can enjoy this conference^^ Thank you!! I think I need to practice English so hard for next conference!!!(><)

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** design AMSA JAPAN's T-shirt which we wore in country booth!!

3. **What is your favourite AMSA moment?** seeing smile:)

4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** take the sleeping friends'

photo:P

5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** drawing DORAEMON and STITCH

6. **What's your favourite food?** ice cream, Chinese fried rice and omelet containing fried rice

7. **Which country do you want to go to most?** South Korea

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** fingernail

9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** kind and smile

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- 10 What is your best pickup line? smile:)
- 11 If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be? Justin Chambers
- 12 What do you think is the best word(s) that describe you? animation girl^^

Introducing Sagar—Mr EAMSC Nepal 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** I am Sagar Koirala from Nepal, the himalayan country. I am in my final year of medical school.
2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** I have been involved in the researches done in my country by AMSA-Nepal. I also presented our paper in The EAMSC- Thailand.
3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** Well. All the moments are memorable, the best being performing in the cultural night.
4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** Getting lost at Siam- Paragon, not knowing the exit. I later found that out on my own though.
5. **What are your interests and hobbies** I play music, drums and guitar. I am also in my college basketball team.
6. **What's your favorite food?** I love Italian food, especially spaghetti.
7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** In general I love Europe. I would love to go to Austria.
8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** Haha!!!! All of my body parts contribute equally in making me who I am. I love my shoulders though, if I have to make a pick.
9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** The inner beauty of a human being is equally important as the external one. In general I give preference to forgiveness as internal and height as external beauty.
10. **What is your best pickup line?** Eyes cannot see what mind do not know..
11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** Katrina Kaif. She is a dashing Indian actress..
12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Cool!!!

Introducing Plub—Miss EAMSC Thailand 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly**
My name is Plub. I'm from Thailand. Now I'm studying as a third year medical student in Chulalongkorn University. I have joined three conf so far started with EAMSC2010 in Malaysia.
2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?**
Well.. I started joining AMSA coz my friend asked for my help to do his paper. I still remember that day. It's the most moment that I won't forget. If that day he hadn't walked to me, I wouldn't have had the chance to have such a wonderful experience.
3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?**
I love the cultural night the most!!! I can't wait for that night when I sit in front of the stage and wait for my group members' performance. It's the happiest moment to me.
4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?**
The most embarrassing moment? Hahaha I still remember that day in Indonesia. My group was playing games after having dinner while other groups were still queuing for the food since they arrived late. I got punishment and the punishment was "write ur name with ur ass" >w< it's the most embarrassing thing I have ever done. To make it worse, other groups were not eating, they were watching at me!!!! I wish I could have found the way to avoid doing it. Unfortunately, I have to do it.

5. **What are your interests and hobbies**

Well... I think mine are the same as others just surfing the internet, playing games, listening to music and sleeping .

6. **What's your favorite food?**

Ice-cream is the best!!!

7. **Which country do you want to go for most**

Australia for sure :P

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8. Which of your body part do you think is the best?

This is one of the most diff q to me. well.. well.. well.. I have no idea eh. Hahaha but I guess I still have to choose right? kk then I choose my eyes. Someone told me that I got korean eye lol but it's not the reason why I choose the eyes. i think eyes can tell many things no matter how you feel.

9. What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?

Well.. I look for the appearance and personality but it's just for the first moment. Anyway after knowing each other, those types of things are never imp to me. the most imp thing is understanding each other , staying besides me during the hard time.

10. What is your best pickup line?

I don't think I still need the pickup line since I already have a dream man .

11. If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?

DC from Australia >w<

12. What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?

Do I really need to find the word? I thought just seeing my face can describe me well ;)

Introducing Zoom—Mr EAMSC Thailand 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly** Hello, my name is Zoom from Thailand. I'm 19 years old and about to be 20 very soon. I'm glad that I have tons of good friends, both Thai and foreign. I know my look doesn't fit with "Mr. Thailand". Please do not mind, this is just for fun. XD

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** Nic, very old member of AMSA and my senior, has asked me to join the conference in Taiwan (AMSC2009). I said YES without any hesitation and I've never regretted answering that. I've joined all of the conference since then.

3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** The last night before everybody leave, my group always has a party at some place. We play (drinking) games and talk all night. It's always my unforgettable night in every conference.

4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** When I have to perform in the cultural night, I feel totally embarrassing because I'm not born to dance. T T

5. **What are your interests and hobbies** Most of my time has gone into playing computer + surfing internet. I'm obsessed with apple too (iPhone+iTouch). Plus, I'm crazy about watches.

6. **What's your favorite food?** Thai ,Japanese and Chinese Thai

7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** Any countries in Scandinavia. I want to experience 'freezing'..apart from my refrigerator.

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** No idea. I cannot live without any of them. Maybe my mouth XD I like eating.

9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** True love and warmth. Ewww so cheesy.

10. **What is your best pickup line?** I'm sorry. Were you talking to me? (NO) Well, then.. Please start!

11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** Her name is **ต๋อย จรินทร์พรพร** (Toei Jarinporn Junkiert) Thai actress and model. Here is some of her pictures from google <http://www.google.co.th/images?hl=th&source=imghp&biw=1280&bih=933&q=%E0%B9%80%E0%B8%95%E0%B9%89%E0%B8%A2+%E0%B8%88%E0%B8%A3%E0%B8%B4%E0%B8%99%E0%B8%97%E0%B8%A3%E0%B9%8C%E0%B8%9E%E0%B8%A3&gbv=2&aq=f&aqi=g10&aql=&oq=>

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p.s. If in AMSA.. she would be Heeyon Kim, Korean delegate XD
well, I'm just kidding XD

12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Most of the time, it's funny I guess. Everyone says so.

Introducing Dong- Hwa Lee—Miss EAMSC Korea 2011

1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** Hello!! My name is Dong-Hwa Lee and you can also call me Diann. I was born in Daegu in South Korea but nowadays I live alone in Seoul. I graduated the department of pharmacy and then worked as a pharmacist in hospital. I really want to give a treatment to patients but there are many restriction as a pharmacist. So I decided to go to medical school. Now, I'm the 3rd grade student in Konkuk medical university.



2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** Just 5 months.
3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** EAMSC in Thailand was my first participation. I had a chance to have a good lecture and experience the culture of other country. After EAMSC, I had a lot of foreign friends. So I think EAMSC is my favorite AMSA moment.
4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** Group discussion in English is very embarrassing me in EAMSC.
5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** I'm not good at dance but I like learning dance. I learned belly dance and jazz dance. Learning is a little hard but it is interesting to me.
6. **What's your favorite food?** I love Bibimbab. It has a lot of vegetables like a bracken, zucchini, dropwort, spinach, bean sprouts, and carrot on boiled rice. You can mix all of them with egg and sesame oil. It's very delicious. If you eat Bibimbab once, you will like that.
7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** Amazon in Brazil is the most attractive place in the world. I watched 'The tear of Ama-

zone' the documentary of Korea. It was amazing so I really want to go there.

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** I don't have eyelids but my eyes are round and big. So I think they are the best part of body
9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** The personality is most important thing. I spend a lot of time to study medicine. I don't have enough time to meet him. So he must be considerate of my situation and warm-hearted.
10. **What is your best pickup line?** You look gorgeous!
11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** I like Leonardo DiCaprio. I thought he was so handsome and sweat guy when I watched Titanic. I love movie he acted as the lead role. I also watched Inception and I thought his act is perfect. So I want to have a chance to meet him.
12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Happy and Healthy smile

Introducing Alex—Mr EAMSC Korea 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** Hi, My name is Alex and I am 24 years old. In spite of my age, I'm only fourth grade student because I entered the medical school after I got the bachelor's degree in biology from another university. Although I like all kinds of sports, I especially like football and snowboard. My hobby is playing drums and listening musics. Because I do love music, I always carry and listen to my mp3 player.

I am a people person and I like to meet new people. I really want to make lots of friends at the AMSA!

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** I joined the AMSA Korea at the end of last year. So, E-AMSC 2011 Thailand was my first AMSA international conference.

3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** Because this thailand E-AMSC was my first conference in AMSA, I really enjoyed every moments. Making new friends, Sightseeing, Dinner cruise, Cultural night, etc. every moments are my precious memories. Most of all, everytime I make a new friends is the best moment for me.

4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** At cultural night, I joined where some people were being photograph. I didn't know they were taking a group photo. Even the GM of group 19 said "Welcome to group 19!", I couldn't understand her. I heard like "Welcome to green mountain" and I thought "what is green mountain??" in my mind. I realized only after my friend told me. It was a very embarrassing moment. I really apologize to Group 19.

5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** RI like all kinds of sports, but I like football and snowboard in particular. And my hobby is playing drums and listening musics.

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6. **What's your favorite food?** I eat well regardless of what the food may be. But especially, I like sushi and beef steak.
7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** At the moment, I really want to go Hong-Kong for the next joint conference.
8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** If I have to pick one, I choose my eye.
9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** I think a face wreathed in smiles is most important thing.
10. **What is your best pickup line?** Have you always been this cute?
11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** If I have to pick one, I choose Min-jung Lee, the Korean actress.
12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Warm-hearted man.

Introducing Oum—Mr EAMSC Cambodia 2011



Introducing Chang —Mr EAMSC UK 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** Hello, I am Chang, from Imperial College London, and in my 4th year of studies. I am originally from Korea but have lived in the UK since 6 years old.
2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** The EAMSC was my 4th Conference and I have been fortunate enough to have joined since my first year of medical school. This year I am honoured to be the Vice Overall Chairperson External this year, as well President of AMSA-Imperial.
3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** The UK cultural performance of AMSC Taiwan; High School Musical
4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** Also the UK High School Musical performance; playing Gabriella was fun
5. **What are your interests and hobbies?** I enjoy travelling and back-packing and golf.
6. **What's your favorite food?** I True to my roots I love all Korean foods
7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** I I would love go on a road trip across Australia
8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** It comes as an all-inclusive package
9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** A good personality with a good sense of humor
10. **What is your best pickup line?** I let my natural charm do the talking
11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** Emma Watson
12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Good-hearted fun

Introducing Matt - Mr EAMSC Australia 2011



1. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** As a general delegate to EAMSC 2010 in Malaysia, and as a chief delegate to EAMSC 2011 in Thailand. I was involved in both the poster and paper teams for both conferences, and I've been spreading the word of AMSA amongst Australian medical students!
2. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** Meeting so many wonderful new people from so many different backgrounds, and working together/sharing ideas on how to bring about change in the Asia-Pacific region. Also, the river cruise in Bangkok is worth mentioning – it was a great night!
3. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** Having my pants pulled down on stage in front of everyone during the cultural night at EAMSC 2010. I felt sorry for everyone in the audience. :P
4. **What are your interests and hobbies?** I love all types of sport, especially soccer and rugby league. Also, I'm an avid musician, and I love listening

to and making music.

5. **What's your favorite food?** Pasta! I love it. And meat pies (I'm Australian, I have to love meat pies).
6. **Which country do you want to go for most?** It's hard to say one in particular, but I really want to go to Europe, and travel through all the countries over there.
7. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** My blue eyes. And my bum. :P
8. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?** A sense of humour, intelligence, honesty, and loyalty.
9. **What is your best pickup line?** I don't need pickup lines, the girls just flock to me. :P
10. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** My current girlfriend. :)
11. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Awesome at everything. :P

Introducing Victoria Cox/Torgie—Miss EAMSC Australia 2011



1. **Please introduce yourself briefly.** My name is Victoria Cox and I am a fourth year medical student at the University of Adelaide (South Australia). I have deferred my medical studies this year in order to study Honours in Bio-medical Science, a research year between third and fourth year of my medical studies. I am working in the Cardiovascular Research Centre at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in South Australia, working on a project using MRI to look at carotid endothelial function.

2. **How have you been involved with AMSA International in the past?** Not a lot – this was my first AMSA International conference. I have been involved with the Australian Medical Students Association for a number of years, where I have attended the AMSA National Leadership Development Seminar and National Convention over the past couple of years. I thoroughly enjoyed my first EAMSC and am looking forward to further involvement in years to come. The atmosphere and culture was so different at EAMSC this year and notwithstanding the excellent academic and social program, it was also a lot of fun!

3. **What is your favorite AMSA moment?** The cultural performance - singing 'nobody' at the top of my lungs with the Australian delegation. Amazing!

4. **What is your most embarrassing AMSA moment?** Having to change my outfit for the official opening ceremony - apparently my clothes weren't formal enough!

5. **What are your interests and hobbies?**

Aside from medicine, I enjoy swimming, running and playing the violin in my spare time. Earlier this year I swam the Rottneest Channel Swim, a swim from Perth to Rottneest Island (look it up on Google maps!). I have played the violin in many orchestras, including the Adelaide University Medical Orchestra (AUMO) and the Australian Doctors Orchestra. AUMO was the first single faculty student orchestra to be formed in the world!

6. **What's your favorite food?** I love a traditional Aussie meal of T-bone steak with hot chips and veggies. I also love ice cream and curry... yum!

7. **Which country do you want to go for most?** I have never been to America and would love to visit New York. No idea why - maybe I like Gossip Girl too much...

8. **Which of your body part do you think is the best?** Gosh. Um...

9. **What is most important when you seek your girl/boy friend?**

I like to look out for boys who are genuine. A boy who loves you for who you are and will support you through anything. Boys who are good at spooning! J

10. **What is your best pickup line?** Never used one.

11. **If you could date anyone in the world, who would it be?** Definitely Justin Bieber! I'm going to see him in concert when he comes to Adelaide!!!

12. **What do you think is the best word(s) that describes you?** Outrageous!!



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MEDICAL SCHOOL IN AUSTRALIA...

The Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) is the peak representative body for medical students in Australia. Each of the **20 medical schools** in Australia elects a representative to sit on AMSA Council, which is the primary decision-making body of the Association.

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EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Medical students from across the country are able to connect with peers by participating in AMSA's renowned educational, social and leadership events and programs. AMSA runs projects across several different areas including those designed to improve medical student health and wellbeing and others for community participation.

GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Originally known as the Developing World Conference, and established in 2005 by members of the Australian Medical Students' Association, the Global Health Conference is a meeting of medical students from around Australia that aims to fulfil the desire of medical students to discuss broader issues relevant to global health.

The inaugural conference hosted 200 delegates in Sydney, whilst the 2006 conference in Perth saw more than 250 students attend. In 2007, Adelaide took the conference to new heights, hosting over 300 delegates at an event that sold out nationwide in less than 12 hours.

The academic programme is filled with speakers from many disciplines, including workers from Medecins Sans Frontieres, Health Advisors to Non-for-profit organisations, Politicians and many many more; while the social programme allows students to meet like-minded individuals from around the country.

The Global Health Conference aims to educate and empower medical students with knowledge about global health.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

The AMSA/AMA National Leadership Development Seminar (NLDS) is held in our nation's capital, Canberra. This 3 day seminar provides delegates with the opportunity to hear from and question parliamentarians and other leaders about issues facing medical students and Australia's health care system today. Attendees also participate in workshops design to improve their advocacy, media and communication skills. NLDS gives students a chance to explore the concepts associated with leadership with prominent figures involved in both Australian health and politics.



AMSA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Fifty years ago a handful of Queensland medical students took the initiative to unite Australia's medical student body, resulting in the very first AMSA Convention. From a simple gathering around a pint to share experiences, Convention has grown into one of the largest annual gatherings for medical students for the exchange of innovative and progressive ideas amongst the present and future members of the medical profession.

The seven days and nights of Convention are filled with Academic and Social events that students will remember for a lifetime. The Academic program features five days of inspirational and thought-provoking addresses from world-renowned speakers, and workshops. The evenings are filled with ample opportunity to engage with other medical students from across Australia and New Zealand in the notorious social program.

The past fifty years of medicine have been punctuated by great advances in knowledge and technology as well as major shifts in the way we teach and practice medicine, and Convention continues to celebrate these and encourages students to be part of the next advances.

MEMBERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE...

It is a pleasant thing to know that our organization is growing even larger. Now AMSA consists of 20 countries and already includes more than 50 percent of the entire country in Asia. It is a commitment from the Secretary for MnD to continue expanding AMSA's domain until it encompasses the whole of Asia in order to be a true representative of Asian medical students.

Since AMSC 2010 there have been few development that we should proud of. There are 2 new observer chapters, Singapore and Palestine. These 2 chapters have been showing a real commitment to develop themselves. And it is my sincere hope that in the end they will become full member.

Furthermore, in last EAMSC we had a new chapter attending that conference, which is AMSA Egypt. We should appreciate their interest and for things that they have been doing so far. They seems really fired up to this. This chapter has expanded its domain to approximately 5 universities. Moreover, despite the fact that they are new, they are already planning to host AMSA conference in Egypt. I really wish they can find an enjoyable atmosphere inside AMSA and see them soon as AMSA's associate member.



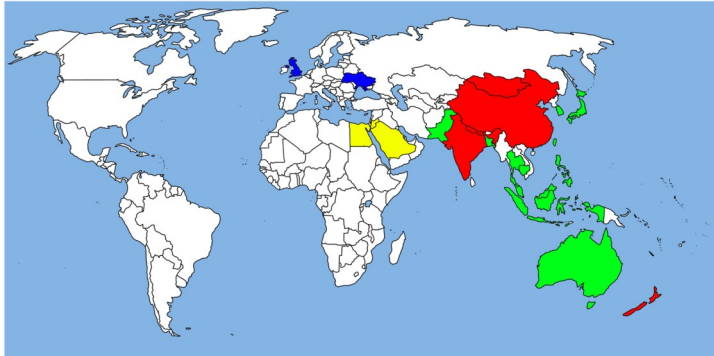
Lastly, we are expecting more chapters to be a part of our organization. In this Joint Conference 2011 we have confirmed attendance of delegates from AMSA India, Myanmar and Iran. In this opportunity I'd like to extend my warm welcome to them. I hope they will enjoy the conference and find a new family in here, our lovely AMSA International.

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CURRENT COUNTRIES ASSOCIATED WITH AMSA INTERNATIONAL BY JOSEPH ASSAD MEMBERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



MAP OF AMSA MEMBERS



Map Legend

- Full Members
- Observer Countries
- Associate Members
- Conference Attendees

AMSA Australia	Full Member
AMSA Bangladesh	Full Member
AMSA Cambodia	Full Member
AMSA China	Observer Country
AMSA Egypt	Conference Attendee
AMSA Hong Kong	Full Member
AMSA India	Observer Country
AMSA Indonesia	Full Member
AMSA Japan	Full Member
AMSA Jordan	Conference Attendee
AMSA Malaysia	Full Member
AMSA Mongolia	Observer Country
AMSA Nepal	Observer Country
AMSA New Zealand	Observer Country
AMSA Pakistan	Full Member
AMSA Palestine	Observer Country
AMSA Saudi Arabia	Conference Attendee
AMSA Singapore	Observer Country
AMSA South Korea	Full Member
AMSA Taiwan	Full Member
AMSA Thailand	Full Member
AMSA The Philippines	Full Member
AMSA Ukraine	Associate Member
AMSA United Kingdom	Associate Member

Apply to be part of an amazing team. Evolution—Make it happen!

AMSA INT'L EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2010/11

Perhaps the most direct way to become involved with AMSA Int'l is to join the executive team for the next year. You will be an integral member of the executive as you and the team lead AMSA Int'l through a full AMSA year, promote AMSA Int'l to the world, and bring exciting and new opportunities to AMSA Int'l members in our region.

Positions are open to all AMSA Int'l members. There are some requirements but it is still worthwhile applying; you will be informed if you need to meet further requirements.

Positions Descriptors:

Overall Chairperson (OC) – leads the organisation and heads the executive team

Vice Overall Chairperson Internal – supports the OC specifically with the executive board

Vice Overall Chairperson External – supports to the OC specifically with representing the organisation

General Secretary – provides support for the executive team, handles executive meetings

Secretary of Finance – receives, disburses and safeguards the finances of the organisation

Secretary of Membership and Development – enlists new members, supports existing members and seeks further opportunities for the organisation and its members

Secretary of Partnerships and Promotions – promotes the organisations and enlists new partners

Secretary of Marketing and Sponsorship – procures funds and sponsorship for the organisation

IT Officer – manages the website for the organisation

Liaison Officers for IFMSA, WHO, AMDA, ASEAN and EMSA

